National Highway Development Project - III. There is no proposal of 4 laning the remaining length of NH-31 in view of low traffic volume. However, the entire NH-31 is having 2 lane pavement.

(d) NH-31 is not passing through Sikkim. However, widening to 2 lane with paved shoulders of the entire NH-31Afrom Sevoke to Gangtok, including West Bengal/Sikkim border to Gangtok section in Sikkim has been approved by Government for implementation in Phase TV of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme for North East on BOT (Annuity) basis. National Highways Authority of India has taken action to prepare bid documents and invite bids.

Road proposals from Rajasthan

†3936. DR. PRABHATHAKUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain proposals of inter-State roads of Rajasthan are lying pending with the Central Government;

(b) since when the four estimates of inter-State roads are pending with Government for technical approval and financial sanction;

(c) if so, by when the approval to proposals and sanction to estimates would be accorded by Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir. A list of 12 proposals amounting to Rs. 28.85 crore have been received in the Ministry for 'in principle' approval under Inter State Connectivity (ISC) Scheme for the year 2006-07. Out of these, only six proposals amounting to Rs. 15.08 crore could be agreed-'in principle' for the year 2006-07, keeping in view inter-se-priority of works and availability of funds.

(b) At present no estimate is pending in the Ministry for technical approval and financial sanction. Out of the six proposals approved in principle for

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

the year 2006-07, estimates for five proposals were received. Three estimates have been sanctioned and two estimates have been returned for modification.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

NH works in Andhra Pradesh

3937. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had announced on September 9,2004, Hyderabad for sanction of some works pertaining to improvements of NH-18 from Mydukur to Kurnool, four-laning of NH-18 from Kadapa to Mydukur and construction of Kajipet by-pass, four laning of NH-202 from Hyderabad to Yadagirigutta and formation of SPV between Central Government and the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for construction of Ring Road of Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken so far by the Central Government on these proposals;.

(c) the reasons for delay thereof; and

(d) the time by when it is likely to be cleared by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, four laning of NH-18 from Kapada-Mydukur-Kurnool including construction of Kajipet bypass and four laning of NH-202 from Hyderabad (Kondamadugu Metu) to Yadgirigutta has been included under NHDP Phase-Ill, implementation of which has been approved by the Government on 12.04.2007. Presently, the preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for these two works is in progress.

As regards, formation of SPV between Central Government and State Government of Andhra Pradesh for Construction of Ring Road of Hyderabad, it has been agreed by the State Government that they will take up the same from their own resources.